

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Today, I rise in support of H.Con.Res. 322 to recognize the 60th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel and the bond of friendship between the United States and Israel. Like the United States, the State of Israel has stood as a beacon of democracy and hope for Jewish immigrants from all over the world. As an immigrant myself, I understand the importance of the democratic freedoms and values that our nation holds dear. The United States and Israel share and embrace those values as the cornerstones of a vibrant democratic society.

Last August, I was fortunate enough to visit Israel for the first time, and I witnessed the importance of the friendship the U.S. and Israel share. We share the common goals of peace, freedom, security and prosperity for our citizens and for the region. I am pleased to help honor the State of Israel on its 60th birthday and I would urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this resolution. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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